not make or authorize any expenditure that will result in exceeding in the five months prior to the general election day a total amount expended on behalf of a candidate or in support of or in opposition to a principal or proposition, an amount equal to ten cents times the total population, as determined by the latest pronouncements of the United States Bureau of the Census, or the State, District, or other area within which the election, whether primary, general, or special, is held.

In any period of thirty-eight months prior to the period of five months prior to the above-mentioned general election day of the single election, the treasurer or subtreasurer or combination thereof of any political committee or committees as defined herein, may not make or authorize any expenditure that will result in exceeding in this thirty-eight month period, an amount equal to fifteen cents times the total population, as determined by the latest pronouncements of the United States Bureau of Census, of the State, District, or other area within which the election, whether primary, general or special is held.

SECTION 28-12. Sanctions. Any person who willfully violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction may be imprisoned for not more than six (6) months or fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or both.

SECTION 2. Severability. The provisions of this Act are severable and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the Act or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Act would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, secion or part had not been included therein.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the County Council hereby declares that an emergency exists affecting public health, safety and welfare, said emergency being the need for the bill to take effect as early as possible prior to the oncoming election.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this bill shall take effect on the date it becomes law.

Approved May 9, 1974